

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: System and Method for Automatic Software Distribution in a Fiber  
Optic Network

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 1 MARCH 2007**

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated 1 March 2007 (the "Action"), for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 1 June 2007. With a two-month extension of time, this response is timely filed on or before 1 August 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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